

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**March 7, 2006**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

Mayor Guinta called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Gatsas.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

Present: Alderman Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O’Neil, Lopez, Shea, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest.

Absent: Alderman DeVries

Mayor Guinta stated before we get to the speakers for the evening we do have a delegation led by Ambassador Bruno from Kazakhstan who is here to ten days to see New Hampshire and if the Ambassador and the General could come forward we’d like to have a quick presentation.

Mayor Guinta stated first with us is General Staylganov who is leading the delegation from Kazakhstan. For those of you who do not know this is our Ambassador George Bruno who is the New Hampshire person who has put this together for the delegation and as I understand it so far they’ve had a wonderful trip, they’ve spent some time in the city visiting Elliot Hospital and also our Fire Department...they’ve had a wonderful trip so far and I think it’s really a wonderful opportunity for emerging democratic countries to come to our country and experience the type of freedom and democracy that we hold so dear to our hearts. So, I did want to present the General, on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen from the City of Manchester, a key to the city and I can read it as well. On behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen presented to the honorable delegation representing the Republic of Kazakhstan on its visit to the City of Manchester, New Hampshire on this date March 7, 2006 may this symbol of openness and friendship strengthen the bonds that exist between our countries and may this event mark the beginning of a relationship between the people of Kazakhstan and the people of Manchester. Thank you.

General Satylganov (through an interpreter) stated if you'd allow I'd like to say a couple of words. This is the third day of our stay here and we've had so many opportunities to see the city and its services on a very high level and we would like to say that they are really great and would like to thank everyone for inviting us to your city. As you might know the topic of our trip is to learn how the state handles emergencies. We exchange information and ideas from top management and how the middle level works together. Thank you so much for this we would like also to present this to the City as friendship between our city and yours.

Mayor Guinta stated thank you very much.

Mayor Guinta advised that the second purpose of the of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to three minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Guinta requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Glenn R. J. Ouellette, 112 Auburn Street, Apt. A, Manchester, NH (Re: DARE Drug Program) stated:

It is your responsibility to work together as our elected officials to keep taxes at a minimum but to provide us it's citizens with adequate services like police, fire and fire protection. A good education for all our children and to see to it that the city's DARE Drug Educational Program gets reinstated within this year's 2006 budget. As I speak to you tonight I also plan on attending the next School Board meeting on the same topic. Because here in Manchester we admit that we have a drug problem but all of a sudden we stop teaching our kids to stay away from drugs by dropping a program that I strongly believe in and other citizens in the city works tremendously. All of 2005 people had been complaining about crime in the city going up as we face the growing pains of a growing city. The drug problem is at an all time high with the problems of gangs not far behind. And, what did our city government do was to cut out the educational DARE program and throughout our school system a valuable program that educates our school children at a young age to stay away from drugs. To cut a working educational program entirely that in the end pays dividends to our city as our children grow up is not by any means a way to teach our children, our young ones adequately about staying away from drugs now is it. Are our children worth the investment, I think they are. There are things the city can do to balance the city's budget without cutting programs that work like taking a business approach to cutting the control of part of the overtime...the one that is uncontrollable...I understand that there are some overtime we cannot control but there is some overtime that if we hire a proper amount of employees to do the job we would

need less overtime and in the end this is the business approach, it would save taxpayer's money and the job would get done more adequately. What I'm asking for is for an adequate police force. The last thing I want to talk about is Arms Park...(a) parcel A take it off the books, this park belongs to the public. We do not want to see a building on that park...parcels C and D makes a lot of sense...thank you.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk